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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 15TH, 1912.

SINCE foreigners resident in Japan came under Japanese jurisdiction there have been one or two sensational cases in which they have been concerned, including a murder, a charge of adultery, and attempted bribery. Another case in which a foreigner is concerned is now engrossing the attention of the Japanese courts-of-law and seems likely to attain as much notoriety as its predecessors. The facts are these. Messrs. BARCOCK & WILCOX, the well-known English boiler-makers, have an office in Yokohama, and naturally have to pass a large quantity of goods through the Customs. There seem to have been several disputes with the Customs as to the amount of duty payable, or rather on the valuation of the goods, and in the course of one of these it was discovered that someone in the office had been forging the company's invoices, undervaluing the goods and pocketing the difference between the proper amount of duty paid by the firm on true invoices and the amount actually received by the Customs on the false invoices. Incidentally Customs receipts were also forged, firstly, to make the amount received by the Customs tally with the amount paid by the firm; and, secondly, to cover up the forgeries of the other receipts. The question the Courts had to decide is who among the firm's employees is the guilty party. Immediately the fraud was discovered the firm communicated with the Customs authorities and intimated their suspicions as to a Japanese employé. The man was sent for by the Customs authorities, and

practically confessed his culpability when questioned. He was then handed over to the police. A few days later the office of Messrs. BARCOCK and WILCOX was visited by the police, who seized certain books and papers. Subsequently it came to light that the man, while acknowledging his share in the forgery of the Customs receipts and invoices, stated that the crime had been committed under the instructions of the foreigner then in charge of the office, the manager being at home on leave. Further investigation led to the arrest of a man employed by the firm of landing agents who had been in charge of passing the consignments of Messrs. BARCOCK & WILCOX through the Customs, who happened also to be a personal friend of the other Japanese arrested, and on the joint testimony of these two men, the foreigner was arrested. The foreigner who is accused, a Mr. J. E. HARGREAVES, affirms that the Japanese employé made a confession to him of his crime and produces as a witness to this another foreign employé of the firm, in whose presence the confession was made. The Japanese accused, on the other hand, affirms that no confession was made. Unfortunately it was not reduced to writing. Beyond the assertions of the two Japanese accused there is little evidence that the foreigner is implicated. The printer of the invoices used in the forgeries was discovered, and stated that while he received the order from the Japanese accused, the charge, which was included in some other work done for the firm, was paid by the foreign accused, which seems to have been the case. There is also a statement, on which the Court apparently lays stress, made by another Japanese employé of the firm, that the manager, who returned from England when the matter came up, told him both the foreigner and the Japanese were concerned in the crime. This statement the manager absolutely denies. It will thus be seen that the evidence against Mr. HARGREAVES is either hearsay evidence, which no English Court would recognise, or is based on the confessions of the other accused. Under English law confessions are only evidence against those who make them, although in practice in jury trials statements made by a prisoner about his accomplices must have a certain effect. No English Court, however, would found a verdict on such evidence as the Japanese Courts have done. The fact is that there is no law of evidence in Japan, and the examination of accused persons sometimes bears a humorous resemblance to the famous judicial proceedings of DOCKERY and VERGES. The case in question has now been before two Courts, both of which have found the foreigner accused guilty. It is now being sent to the Supreme Court.

Dr. Koyt, Port Medical Officer, left for Home yesterday by the *Nile*. He proposes returning in about nine months.

Intending competitors at the B.O.C. sports, to be held on the 27th inst., are reminded that entries close with the Secretary at 6 p.m. to-day.

According to American papers it was Captain E. J. Smith—not Captain Harry Smith—who commanded the *Titanic* on her first and fateful voyage.

The small-pox epidemic in the Colony is practically at an end. There were only six cases reported last week, three being in the city of Victoria and three in other districts.

The orders for the day at to-morrow's meeting of Legislative Council include the first reading of four Bills and the second reading of four Bills, embracing the Appropriation Bill.

A Chinese with seven previous convictions against him was charged yesterday with the larceny of a bed quilt and a quantity of clothing from a house on Praya East. He was remanded until to-day.

An action has been brought at Shanghai against the Hughes Comedy Co., a Tientsin entrepreneur claiming from the Company damages to the extent of \$4,275 for alleged breach of agreement to play in Tientsin.

The Duma member for Vladivostok has brought forward a proposal to return the Chinese Eastern Railway to China. Another member representing a district in Siberia, who opposed the proposal, was loudly applauded.

The tinkering with the Supreme Court is not by any means ended yet. New fans were tried in the Puisne Judge's court yesterday morning, but had to be stopped on account of the noise, and the proceedings have to continue in an uncomfortable heat.

For a few days Boone College at Wuchang was threatened with a strike of students, several of the classes having demanded the dismissal of an unpopular native teacher. The trouble appears to have been settled, and the teacher has been retained.

The former Dowager Empress of China is, according to a telegram to a local vernacular journal, anxious to attend the National Assembly as a spectator.

The Times of 22nd April mentions that Sir Frederick and Lady Lugard go to 10, Hans-mansions for the season. Lady Lugard was recovering from her last operation in Hongkong, but was still far from strong.

An old Chinese was charged at the Magistracy yesterday with having been found in unlawful possession of a number of lottery tickets. He was arrested on Saturday last on the Macao boat. A fine of \$500 or six months' imprisonment was inflicted.

The firm of Messrs. Carlowitz & Co., in the name of Messrs. Krupp A. G., of Essen, has closed a loan of M6,000,000, with the Tutuh of the Chikiang Province, President Yuan Shih-kai having agreed to this. The Tutuh of Chikiang has agreed to take in from the firm of Krupp A. G. guns to the value of M2,000,000.

The beginning of work on the Canton-Hankow railway at the Hankow end seems to be near. General Li has given instructions to the troops and officials along the line to give full protection to the foreign surveyors. The order also applied to the proposed Szechuan-Hankow and Shanghai-Hankow lines.

His Honour Judge Rufus H. Thayer, of the U.S. Court for China, has gone to Harbin and Mukden, where sessions of Court will be held for the first time. At the conclusion of the sessions Judge Thayer will proceed to Europe and meet Mrs. Thayer in London, and they will both return to Shanghai in the autumn.

The Governor of the Pangasinan province of the Philippine Islands has issued a circular to all municipal presidents and members of municipal councils in which he emphasises the necessity for according courteous treatment to all tourists and strangers and adds that failure to comply with this instruction will be punishable under the penal code.

For "heraldic, voluntary and efficient work" during the pneumonic plague epidemic in China last year, Drs. Strong and Teague of the Philippines were awarded medals at the last annual meeting of the Red Cross Society, held in Washington. Colonel Rivers, of the Philippines constabulary, was also awarded a medal for "voluntary and effective" work during the same operations in the province of Batangas after the terrible disaster of January 1911.

Before Mr. Melbourne at the Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese contractor named Tung Yuen, of 45 Queen's Road East, was charged with neglecting to comply with the requirements of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, by blasting stone in Connaught Road, without taking the necessary precautions, in accordance with section 218. Mr. W. T. Edwards, building inspector, prosecuted, and Mr. Lewis defended. After the hearing of evidence, defendant was discharged, the Magistrate being of the opinion that the evidence was too weak to secure a conviction.

Last week, at the Shanghai Club, Mr. H. E. R. Hunter was entertained to a farewell dinner by the staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Besides the chief guest, Mr. E. D. H. Fraser, C.M.G., H.M. Consul-General, Mr. H. de Gray, Chairman of the Municipal Council, Colonel C. D. Bruce and several other guests were present. Altogether over fifty persons sat down to table. The health of Mr. Hunter was proposed in a happy speech by Mr. Stephen, who will act as manager in Shanghai during Mr. Hunter's absence, and was as happily replied to. The toast of "Wayfoong" was proposed by Mr. E. D. H. Fraser, and responded to by Mr. N. J. Stabb, the chief manager, who is now staying in Shanghai.

"THE FINEST SITE" AGAIN.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock has given notice of his intention to move at the meeting of the Legislative Council called for to-morrow afternoon, "that in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that the plot of land to the West of the new Law Courts should be levelled and cleared and turfed and that the work should be taken in hand at once."

THE PLAGUE.

The plague return for last week shows 138 cases—83 being in the city of Victoria and 55 in other districts. One American and one Japanese were among the patients, the remainder being Chinese. The deaths from plague last week numbered 118. These figures being up the total for the year to 652 cases and 582 deaths.

TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE TURKO-ITALIAN WAR.

ITALIAN SUCCESSES.

LONDON, May 14th.

A wire from Rome states that the Italians surprised a force of Arabs at Tobruk and drove them off, killing over a hundred. The Italian casualties totalled six.

The Italians have further captured the islands of Kalismo, Lero and Patmos. The Turkish authorities and officials were taken on board the warships.

LATER.

The Italians are making extensive preparations for the administration of the captured islands and have established a steamship service from Brindisi to Stampiia in Rhodes. Many police and other officials are en route.

BRITISH CORRESPONDENT KILLED.

Mr. Smallwood, correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* with the Turks, has been killed in a skirmish at Derna in Tripoli.

TURKS DETERMINED TO RESIST.

A Constantinople telegram states that the Chamber of Deputies cheered when a telegram was read from Enver Bay declaring that all the Turks in Tripoli were determined to resist to the end.

BIG BATTLE IN MEXICO.

LONDON, May 14th.

Reuter's correspondent in New York wires that a twelve hours' battle has been fought at Orozco between five thousand Mexican rebels and five thousand Federals. The casualties on both sides numbered five hundred. The rebels, who abandoned ten guns and much ammunition, retreated, burning bridges behind them. It is expected that they will make their last stand at Escalon.

AN ENGLISH WOMAN'S SENTENCE.

LONDON, May 14th.

The sentence on Miss Maleeka, the Englishwoman who was sentenced at Warsaw for consorting with revolutionaries, involves, says her counsel, deprivation of all civil rights, and also upon the expiry of the sentence exile to Siberia for life and to live where ordered by the police.

THE GERMAN NAVY BILL.

LONDON, May 14th.

The Reichstag has passed the Navy Bill without amendment, the Socialists alone opposing it.

DUELLING IN THE GERMAN ARMY.

LONDON, May 14th.

The Reichstag has adopted a resolution which aims at the restriction of duelling in the German Army, with the Socialist amendment that no officer can be dismissed for declining a challenge.

Herr Ledebur said that the Kaiser as Supreme Commander stood on the lowest moral level by refusing to take part in a duel on behalf of himself or his family while forcing others to fight.

The President rebuked Herr Ledebur, who retorted that if a Prussian Prince were shot, duelling would be abolished immediately.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

LONDON, May 14th.

The British Government's approval of Baron von Bieherstein was given on Saturday. He will arrive in London in the middle of June. The stories that he is on a special mission are described as "fantastical nonsense." Germany is merely sending her ablest diplomatist as a compliment to Great Britain.

Count Metternich, the present representative at the Court of St. James, still has bronchitis, from which he has long suffered acutely.

THE SLEEPING SICKNESS BUREAU.

LONDON, May 14th.

From July 1st, the Sleeping Sickness Bureau becomes the Tropical Diseases Bureau, with an increase of funds contributed by the Imperial authorities and those of India, South Africa, Soudan, Ceylon, Malay States, West Africa, West Indies and Fiji, the annual income being £3,000.

The new Bureau will be quartered in the Imperial Institute. Two eminent veterinaries have joined the committee.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MILITARY MANOEUVRES.

LONDON, May 14th.

The King goes to Aldershot to-morrow. The operations are designed to show the increasing importance of cavalry co-operating with aeroplanes equipped with bombs for reconnoitring purposes.

THE LONDON TAILORS' STRIKE EXTENDING.

LONDON, May 14th.

Contrary to expectations, the strike of tailors in London is rapidly spreading, and this afternoon 80,000 were idle.

THE LATE MR. STEAD.

LONDON, May 14th.

The *Review of Reviews* Memorial issue contains a number of tributes to the late Mr. W. T. Stead, the founder and editor of the journal, who went down with the *Titanic*.

Mr. Fisher, the Premier of Australia, describes Mr. Stead as a human Drednought. He had unfolded Naval plans to Mr. Fisher in 1885, which afterwards secured £5,000,000 for the Navy. It was he who originated the two keels to one ideal.

Lord Milner says that he cannot recall an equal amount of vitality in any other man.

Lord Esher says that no event of material importance to the country had happened since 1890 which Mr. Stead had not influenced.

MINERS AND THE MINIMUM WAGE.

LONDON, May 14th.

The Leicestershire and North Staffordshire District Boards have satisfactorily settled the miners' wages question for their respective districts.

Lord St. Aldwyn has declined to grant the application of the South Wales coal owners for a reduction of 1 per cent. in the general wage rate.

TIBET AND THE CHINESE.

LONDON, May 14th.

A Calcutta telegram states that it is understood that negotiations between the Tibetans and the Chinese at Lhasa continue amicably, and that an early settlement may be hoped for on the lines of the Chinese laying down their arms and returning to China via Gyantse.

The *Statesman's* correspondent at Kalimpong wires that all the Tibetan troops stationed at Gyantse have been ordered to Lhasa, and that the people of Shigatse and Gyantse have been summoned to serve in the defensive force to check the progress of the Chinese troops on the Khamba Road.

U.S.A. PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, May 14th.

The Presidential campaign is waxing hotter. President Taft is going to address eighty meetings in Ohio. He has publicly appealed for the women's vote at the Californian primaries to-morrow, taking credit for the creation of the Child-rearers' Care Bureau, etc. Such an appeal is unprecedented by a President.

The Democrats are delighted at the complete split in the Republican camp.

THE LOUISIANA FLOODS.

LONDON, May 14th.

The outlook has improved in the Louisiana cities, where the rain has ceased, though there is still danger from bursting levees.

LIFE SAVING APPLIANCES ON SHIPS.

LONDON, May 14th.

Mr. Asquith, in a written reply to a question, states that Great Britain has replied sympathetically to the German circular suggesting an international conference to consider the question of life saving appliances on board ships.

AVIATION FATALITY.

LONDON, May 14th.

An aviator named Fisher and a rich American who went up as passenger were killed while flying at Brooklands last night. The passenger was pinned beneath the burning aeroplane.

SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, 14th May, 1912.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. H. E. J. GOMPERTZ
(PUISNE JUDGE).

ALLEGED ILLEGAL DISTRAINT.

The Coronation Garage sued Tung Chun Yuen claiming \$1,000 for damages caused to plaintiffs by reason of the defendant illegally distraining upon the property of the plaintiffs on April 23rd.

Mr. B. Hind, of Messrs. Brutton and Hett, appeared for the plaintiffs, and defendant was represented by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon.

Mr. Hind stated that plaintiffs rented from the defendant premises at 462, Queen's Road West which they used for the purpose of a motor car garage. The tenancy was a monthly one, and the rent had been paid in full up to the end of last Chinese year. The rent had been collected monthly by a shroff, who usually gave a receipt signed by himself, which was followed three or four days later by a printed receipt clipped with the chop of the defendant's firm and signed by the shroff. At the beginning of the second moon of this Chinese year the shroff collected the rent for the first moon and gave the usual temporary receipt. Subsequently he absconded and defendant distrained for the rent for the first and second moon. Upon these facts the distraint was not only irregular but was absolutely illegal and the plaintiffs were entitled to recover damages for the trespass and special damages suffered through the detention of the motor car.

Evidence was heard in support of the plaintiffs' claim, and after the first witness had been heard Mr. Hind decided to withdraw from the case.

His Lordship then entered judgment in favour of the defendant.

THE DOGS' HOME.

The Rev. C. H. Hickling informs us that Mr. P. K. Tata has made a final and successful effort to complete the amount needed to establish and carry on the Dogs' Home. Mr. Hickling forwards us a lengthy list of donations, totalling \$567. The list will appear in to-morrow's issue. An advertisement in this issue gives particulars of sales, etc.

BILLIARDS.

The first heat of the Billiard Competition in the Seamen's Institute commenced on Monday night between Messrs. Brown and Best, the latter winning by 23. In the game between Messrs. Howell and Lee the latter in the first 100 led by 55, but Howell finished up with a margin of 33 points.

ROMAN BATHS OR BOATS?

LESSONS OF THE "TITANIC" DISASTER.

A New York dispatch to a London paper after the sinking of the *Titanic* contained the following:

The steamship owners bitterly resent the comments attributing to them the blame for the loss of life. They refuse to accept any guilty responsibility. "Don't blame us for this disaster," exclaimed an officer of one of the biggest Transatlantic companies. "Don't blame us. Blame yourselves and all those who demand fast voyages, tennis courts, Roman baths, and solariums." We should not hesitate to place lifeboats on the decks of our vessels, but they would encroach on the luxuries which are apparently more desired than safety. "As a matter of fact, no one could have imagined a disaster so terrible as that which occurred on Monday. We were convinced that the *Titanic* was unsinkable. Ship designers, since the sinking of the *Republic*, have disregarded the importance of boats and rafts, except as a means of transport from slowly sinking ships to those standing by. They argued that if a storm was sufficient to destroy a 45,000-ton ship it would not permit her small boats to live. Therefore the only reason for carrying boats and rafts was to permit the transfer of passengers from a disabled vessel to safety in a calm sea."

FOREIGN LOAN TO CHINA.

The *N.C. Daily News* correspondent at Peking cabled on the 9th inst.—"It is reported that Messrs. Arnhold Karberg & Co. have contracted a loan, called the Chihli provincial loan, of £800,000, on the security of the tea and wine taxes. The number of German loans recently contracted is noteworthy, as all of them apparently involve preferential treatment in regard to future business. The situation calls for comment in view of the hostility towards the Belgian loan on the part of the international group and the Legations. Messrs. Arnhold Karberg are apparently agents for the Austrian firm of Schoeder. The Austrian Minister is supporting them. This is interesting in view of the recent Austrian request to participate in the international group's undertakings."

A COURTESY DECLINED.

The directors of a local bank (writes a Berlin correspondent) are bringing an action against the theatre at Karnstein which announced on the play bills that Schiller's play, entitled "The Robbers," would be produced to celebrate the bank's silver jubilee.

THE NEED FOR SHORTHAND WRITERS IN COURT.

Mr. W. V. Drummond, in concluding his address to the Bench in the will-case which has been before the Chief Justice for the past three weeks, took advantage of the occasion to make a complaint as to the inordinate length of time occupied in hearing cases before the Court and the huge expense involved, all of which might be saved by the employment of a Court stenographer. He said—I want in closing to refer to two points which have impressed themselves with very great force upon my mind in connection with this case. What I am about to say I say with all due submission and with all respect. I would ask your Lordship if you would be good enough to lay aside your pen for a moment and allow yourself to trust to the shorthand reporter's notes of what I may say. Now, my Lord, what I want to say is this—I was so struck recently by the immense time that has been occupied in this case that I asked my clients' consent to the engagement of a shorthand writer to be paid for by both sides. Both sides agreed, and we had a shorthand reporter here yesterday and he is here to-day. I was in hopes that having the shorthand writer that we would have got on much faster, but it helped me very little. I may be wrong, but your Lordship, through force of habit, desiring to have the notes in such shape as they formed themselves in your Lordship's mind, continued to take notes all through yesterday, and I found myself at no advantage in having a shorthand reporter here. I had to speak just as slowly as I did before. Sentence by sentence, I got through all I said yesterday. I say it frankly.

The Chief Justice—I am not actually taking down what you say—I am taking down to a certain extent my own views. If I did not take notes at the time and read the shorthand notes

Mr. Drummond—The impressions might pass away.

His Lordship—I would not put it down as impressions.

Mr. Drummond—As your Lordship knows, I don't know when I can go on if your Lordship is writing. If your Lordship's mind is occupied with taking a note of one point I have made, it is useless for me to go on with new arguments. They only lose their effect. The result of that is that I occupied six hours yesterday in addressing your Lordship and I shall probably spoil another hour to-day. If I had been addressing a jury who took no notes but looked and listened, I could have put the whole case for the defendants in two hours and finished my work. I think this case has occupied at least four times as long as it ought to have occupied. That is my view, and I say so with some weight of experience. I have had over forty years at the bar. I have had scores of cases in this part of the world with all the drawbacks of interpretation into different languages. That enables me to say what would otherwise seem a strong statement. My feeling is that this case has occupied an inordinate length of time. I think it has occupied at least four times as long as it ought to have done. To-day is the eighteenth day of the hearing. In my mind if this case had been heard before a jury and the Court had the service of a shorthand writer this case would have finished in five days. Taking the measure of time, I think I speak at an average rate—when I speak freely and without interruption—at the rate of about 140 words a minute. I have had my words taken down and timed by a sporting friend with a stop watch. There are reporters at home, good reporters, who at their highest can take 250 words per minute. That is very high, and we do not expect that out here.

His Lordship—What you are doing now is giving advice. I agree with you. You, however, are not making it any shorter at the present time.

Mr. Drummond—I hope what I am saying will mean a saving for other cases in time. I think it is desirable that it should be so, and I am making a few observations on the point. This case might have been finished in five days if it had been taken in that way. A jury sits and listens, and thinks. It does not have to take notes. This case has occupied eighteen days, where five days might have sufficed. It is a serious public matter, and I think it would be to the advantage of the profession to get cases through quickly, and it would be an enormous advantage to the public to have the cases tried quickly.

His Lordship—Here we have no official shorthand writer.

Mr. Drummond—That is what I want to draw attention to.

His Lordship—I should be extremely glad to have one.

Mr. Drummond—I believe at one time there was a shorthand writer here, but his services were dispensed with on the ground of expense. That is mistaken.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

May 13th.

ROOTING OUT PIRACY IN THE DELTA.

Since Chan Kwing Ming has taken over the position of chief of the Army there have been many robbers and pirates caught and executed and a systematic crusade against them is being undertaken. Mr. Chan intends to take a large number of reliable soldiers himself to the most infected portion of the North and West Rivers to stamp out this nuisance. Ever since the Revolution the pirates here have been having a good time and expeditions sent out to capture and punish them usually meant simply that they transferred the energies to another portion of the river for a time. It is to be hoped that Mr. Chan's crusade will be very thorough, as otherwise it will simply end in the usual quiet appearance of the delta for a time previous to a new series of robberies.

MOTOR CARS ON THE NEW BUND.

A man named Lo proposes to run four motor cars along the bund for passenger traffic and has applied for permission promising \$800 a month as tax to the Government. He proposes to divide the bund from Bamboo Creek to Tai Sha Tou into five sections and to charge five cents for each section. Considering the tremendous amount of traffic on the bund and the new spirit that has invaded China for things European this business ought to pay well and should only be the beginning of many similar projects. It has often been said that when the new bund is completed it is proposed to run electric trams there, and this proposal if it comes to pass ought to be a good eye-opener to the Government and will show conclusively the advisability of such an innovation. The bund is at present the only decently broad thoroughfare in Canton, and is therefore always black with people, for whom the only means of conveyance are old medieval looking rickshaws, so that there should be little or no opposition either way.

SUN YAT SEN.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen still continues to be fettered on all sides and yesterday he was the guest of the Japanese Consul on Shamene. To-morrow he is to be the guest of the Commissioner of Customs.

SHAMENE.

The U.S.S. *Wilmington* has returned to the river, which makes seven gunboats at present lying off Shamene, H.M.S. *Chio* and *Robin*, S.M.S. *Tsingtau*, U.S.S. *Wilmington* and *Callao*, the French gunboat *Argus* and the Japanese *Uji*. On Friday night, the British team for the second year in succession and the first two years of its existence won the challenge bowling shield of the Canton Club. The runners-up were the German team, who put up a fine game on Friday, but were beaten on the whole series of games by 250 odd points.

THE SITUATION AT FOCHOW.

The seriousness of the situation in Fochow was indicated on April 27th by the assassination of Mr. Ciong Cu Cong of the Board of Civil Appointments. He had just left his house in the city when his chair was surrounded by eleven men, one of whom thrust a sword into him. The others each took their turn stabbing him, even displaying their brutality after they saw he could no longer live. One of his chair bearers carried the body to his house, but life was gone before he reached home.

The precise reason for the assassination is not clear. A Fochow correspondent writes:—"People are holding their breath awaiting the next move of deposition or the retaliation of the other side to the quarrel."

April 30th, the Government closed and sealed the office of the *Ming Tung Po*, an outspoken newspaper, which has been criticising the action of the new officials and their failure to provide justice and a departure from the old régime.

May 3rd a panic threatened to reproduce the days before the local battle of the Revolution when for days tens of thousands of people moved out of the city. The events and suspicions of the present unrest reached a climax when a well founded report was circulated that the Government (which is predominantly Hunanese) had given out ammunition to the Hunan soldiers but none to the Fochow men.

An exodus from the city began, but the Governor took prompt action to stop it. He issued a proclamation re-assuring the people and forbidding any one to remove his goods from the city. At the same time he brought a special force of police into the city on an emergency call late in the evening, giving strict orders that any man moving his personal effects from the city should be arrested on the spot. The city gates which had been open at night for some time have since then been closed as previous to the war.

The latest attack on freedom of speech was made on May 4th when the office of still another newspaper was sealed. The *Ming Sing* has been most outspoken and fearless in criticising the Government, and what is quite pertinent, the things said have been all too true. This paper

SHANGHAI NOTES.

SHANGHAI, May 10th.

The visitor from Hongkong upon landing in Shanghai immediately realizes that things have not moved so fast in the Settlement as in the Colony, notwithstanding the fact that Shanghai was actually within the zone of civil war. The somewhat aggressive self-consciousness of the Chinese in Hongkong is not found here; for example, as in the old days, when you walk along Shanghai's twisted streets the Chinese make way for the foreigner as a matter of course. Then there are the queues. For the past three months at least in Hongkong a Chinese wearing a queue in the street would have been a curiosity. Not so here. It is true that close crops predominate, but quite an appreciable number of Chinese, particularly of the lower classes, retain the queue, which was for so long, in foreign eyes, the emblem of the race. A zealous queue-cutting campaign is being carried on in the native city and the Tatu has issued a proclamation that severe penalties will visit anyone found wearing the "badge of servitude" after a certain brief period. The result has been that queue cutters occasionally pursue their intended victims across the Settlement boundaries, an exhibition of zeal that generally involves their subsequent appearance in the Mixed Court.

ANTI-FOREIGN SENTIMENT.

While, as I have indicated, the Chinese in the Settlement still preserve much of the old-time respect for the foreigner, the native authorities outside are showing a sufficiency of bumptiousness. There is, as many of your readers may know, a standing dispute about the Chapei boundary. For some weeks now a dangerous tension has existed in regard to the matter. The municipal police have arrested Chapei policemen and the latter have retaliated by arresting, more or less illegally, members of the municipal force. An interesting sight—interesting by reason of its suggestion of the possibility of dramatic developments—is to be seen in North Szechuen Road. There, at the intersection of a side street and the main thoroughfare, is found a Sikh policeman armed with a carbine, while at the corners of the side street, on one side of North Szechuen Road, are two Chinese soldiers, with rifles topped by business-like looking bayonets. On the other side of the road stand two Chapei policemen who are armed with swords. Obviously the situation is one that is momentarily fraught with danger. When I went down to see this little demonstration of the extent of the strain upon the relations between the native and the municipal authorities, I was vividly reminded of an incident at Tientsin after the Boxer trouble. Great Britain and Russia had a dispute about the ownership of a railway siding at Tientsin and for two days a company of British troops and a detachment of Russians kept each other "covered," so to speak. The accidental touch of a trigger would probably have involved those two great nations in war. The Shanghai affair is not, of course, so serious, but the situation is certainly fraught with peril and the Settlement will breathe easier when the difficulty is finally adjusted. At the present moment the Chapei authorities hold, and refuse to surrender, two municipal policemen who were illegally arrested within the Settlement boundaries several days ago. Strong protests have been made, but so far without result.

CHINA'S RAILWAYS.

There seems every prospect of Mr. A. W. V. Pope, the General Manager of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, being appointed Railway Adviser to the Chinese Government. During the civil war the marvellous manner in which Mr. Pope handled the military traffic attracted the attention of the Chinese authorities and they made several presentations of medals and inscribed plate to signify their appreciation of the splendid work he had done. The layman as a rule overlooks the immense amount of organization necessitated by the transport of large bodies of troops and big guns by train. Especially difficult is it on a line like the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, which is self-contained, that is to say, it has only its own rolling stock to draw upon. The line was only equipped with rolling stock for ordinary commercial purposes, but this notwithstanding Mr. Pope was able to meet all the military requirements with a promptitude that marked him as a master of organization. The suggestion was made while I was in Hongkong that an annual inspection of the Kowloon-Canton Railway by a competent outside

A GOLD COINAGE FOR INDIA.

THE ARGUMENTS OF ITS SUPPORTERS.

(BY A CORRESPONDENT OF "THE TIMES.")

On the presentation of the Indian Budget in its final form on March 22nd, the Viceroy's Legislative Council was invited by Sir Vithaldas Thackersey, a Bombay merchant, to adopt a motion favouring the establishment of a gold coinage at the Indian Mints. The motion was withdrawn on Sir Fleetwood Wilson making the important announcement that the Government of India had submitted their views to the Secretary of State and that personally he would be highly gratified if Lord Curzon's decision met the wishes of the mover. The Governor-General in Council is not committed to any definite policy by this *obiter dictum* of the Financial Member, but it seems unlikely that Sir Fleetwood Wilson would have gone so far if the majority of his colleagues were hostile to the principle of Indian gold coinage. An outline of the arguments for the change may therefore appropriately be given.

HISTORY OF THE QUESTION.

It is well-known that the Mogul Empire possessed both a gold and silver currency; and that in the early days of the East India Company's administration a variety of gold coins were current and freely-circulated. The Company tried to maintain both metals in circulation at a fixed rate; but the gold coins were undervalued and gradually passed out of circulation. The law of 1835 by which a uniform rupee currency was introduced for the whole of British India authorized the coinage of the gold mohur, a 15-rupee piece, and co-related coins; but gold coins being no longer legal tender they were allowed to pass at their market value as compared with silver coins. Though still conventionally used for professional fees, like the guinea in England, the gold mohur has now no existence in actual currency. The question of reviving a gold currency in India was repeatedly discussed after the administration was taken over by the Crown, and an attempt was made in 1868 to introduce the sovereign into the country as legal tender at the equivalent of Rs. 10 4 annas, but was rendered inoperative by the subsequent fall in the gold value of silver. This fall went on until checked by the dosing of the Indian Mints in 1893 to the unrestricted coinage of silver as the first step to the establishment of the gold standard, which was consummated some 12½ years ago by sovereigns and half sovereigns being made legal tender at the rate of Rs. 10 4 to the rupee.

THE ABORTIVE PROJECT OF 1899.

The advocates of a gold coinage for India urge that this is an essential corollary to the establishment of the gold standard, and point out that schemes placed before the Indian Currency Commission of 1898 professing to provide a gold standard without a gold currency were deliberately rejected. The Committee recommended that the Indian Mints "should be thrown open to the unrestricted coinage of gold on terms and conditions such as govern the three Australian branches of the Royal Mint." In the Budget for 1900-01, the late Sir Clinton Dawkins announced that steps had been taken to give effect to this recommendation by constituting a branch of the Royal Mint at the Bombay Mint for the coinage of gold. The Government were merely waiting until the home authorities had satisfied themselves respecting the premises and appliances of the Bombay Mint. But the scheme did not fructify. A number of technical and other difficulties were raised by the Royal Mint. Meanwhile, as Sir Fleetwood Wilson explained in last year's Budget debate, "the Kolar gold-mining companies had mostly entered into agreements for the sale of their produce in England, and the prospect of their bringing their gold to be refined and coined in Bombay—which was to be the *piece de résistance* of our gold mint—was thus deferred. In the circumstances it was decided in 1902 to drop the project, and to wait until a stronger demand for a local gold coinage should arise."

THE EFFECT ON INTERNATIONAL FINANCE.

That the local demand has since grown cannot be questioned by students of Indian financial and mercantile opinion, and it has been stimulated by the criticism so frequently directed in Anglo-Indian and Indian newspapers against the policy of holding the bulk of the gold standard reserves in London, which, it is urged, has been partly responsible for the comparatively slow growth of India's utilization of the yellow metal for currency purposes. It is claimed, especially by Mr. M. de P. Webb, who has frequently written on this question, that the increased demand which would flow from coinage in India, so far from upsetting the equilibrium of the world's markets for gold, would tend to protect them from the serious consequences of the increased production operating at least for a time as a check to the depreciation of money and to the advancement of prices. Respecting the objection that an enormous proportion of the gold imported by India is absorbed into hidden hoards or melted into ornaments, it is contended that hoarding is not unknown in Western countries, and that as, according to well-known authorities, less than 2 per cent. of the total gold output is contained in the currencies of gold-using countries, some part of the huge balance might as well be hoarded in India or be in circulation there as to be lying idle in other countries. The advocates of Indian minting now have the authority of the Financial Member for the expectation that the genuine use of gold as a currency in India is likely to largely and rapidly increase. Mr. Webb argues that the steady and continuous withdrawal of gold

While Mr. Webb advocates adherence to the recommendation of the Currency Commission which came so near to materialization ten years ago, there are other supporters of the gold currency project who would prefer India to have her own distinct coin or coins. The *Times* of India, which has lately devoted much attention to the currency question, has pointed out that for some reason the half-sovereign has not come into Indian currency to any appreciable extent, while the sovereign "has led to the enrichment of England at the expense of India, and its exclusive reign must end." There may be advantages, it admits, in getting a ready-made coin exchanged in any part of the British Empire, "but when to purchase it we have to incur the cost of the resentment of the London market it is much too dear at the price." The result has been that "every effort has been made to thwart and divert the demands of India for sovereigns." An alternative proposal is that India should mint mohurs and pagodas, to give the ancient vernacular terms, equal in weight and fineness to the sovereign and half-sovereign respectively. On the other hand, Sir Vithaldas Thackersey, with some weight of mercantile opinion behind him, wishes to have minted a coin equal in value to the ten-rupee currency note (13s. 4d.) or two-thirds of a sovereign.

While there are these differences of opinion as to the form the coinage should take, its advocates are unanimous in holding that the step would be of great advantage to India in giving her a serviceable, portable monetary medium; in placing her rupee exchange on an absolutely stable basis; and in enabling her to borrow capital on more favourable terms than at present for that economic development which would be stimulated. It is not suggested that Government should undertake at once to give gold coins in exchange for rupees, for, as the Currency Commission of 1898 pointed out, this would impose on the State a liability to find gold at a moment's notice to an amount which could not be defined beforehand. What is asked is that Government should actively assist in the popularization of gold coins by opening the mints to the free coinage of that metal.

THE TRIUMPHS OF WIRELESS.

Triumphs of the wireless in rescues from shipwreck, remarks an American paper, show these results:

January 23rd, 1909—1650 passengers and crew of the *Republic* saved by wireless after collision in a fog with the *Florida*.

Jack Binn, wireless operator of the *Republic*, won fame by heroic conduct. Wrecked vessel rescued by the *Battle* of the White Star line.

Sept. 8th, 1910—Thirty-three persons rescued by car ferry summoned by wireless to wrecked *Perr Marquette* car-ferry steamer, No. 18, off Sheboygan, Wis. Two passengers and thirty-one officers and crew were drowned.

July 20th, 1911—Canadian training ship *Niobe* assisted in response to wireless signals of distress when wrecked off Yarmouth, N.S.

August 30th, 1911—Twelve passengers of the steamship *Leontine* were rescued from a wrecked vessel off Hunting Island through wireless messages sent by sixteen-year-old "Jack" Sheen.

Loss of life on the *Titanic* doubtless would have been much larger but for wireless appeals for aid.

The wireless operator on the *Titanic* who sent out "S.O.S." when she struck the iceberg was J. G. Phillips, formerly employed as wireless operator on James Gordon Bennett's yacht. Later he worked on the steamship *Oceanic*, from which he was transferred to the new *Titanic*.

All steamships of consequence are required to be equipped with wireless—which only a few years ago seemed a fanciful dream. By an act of Congress, passed June 24th, 1910, all ocean-going steamers carrying fifty passengers or more are required to have wireless apparatus capable of transmitting messages at least 100 miles. The Canadian law is applied to all passenger ships.

DEATH OF A SHANGHAI PILOT.

Another old familiar face has been removed from the settlement, says the *Shanghai Mercury*, by the death of Capt. H. W. B. van Cooch, late Shanghai-Woosung Pilot, who passed away after a brief illness at the age of 72 years. The deceased, who was very well-known in the settlement and on the whole China coast, and was extremely popular with a large circle of friends for his many amiable qualities, came out to the Far East in the early sixties, and after trading on the coast for a number of years, went in for piloting in the early seventies and was one of the old-time members of the Independence Pilots Association. He afterwards married and had two sons and a daughter, the latter now being the wife of Mr. A. M. Pryce, of Messrs. Liddell Bros. & Co., the elder son, George, being a resident of Tientsin, the youngest son, James, being in the office of Mr. A. E. Algar. The deceased went home several years ago, but recently returned to Shanghai. During his active career he was pilot for the German mail for a period of fifteen years and pilot for the M.M. Company for about twenty years, which position he held up to the time of his retirement some years ago, and during his long connection with the two companies he had an excellent record and never had any accidents. The deceased was a native of the Netherlands.

EXTENSIVE GAS FRAUDS AT SHANGHAI.

Frauds on the Shanghai Gas Company have just been disclosed, whereby Chinese

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. CARLOWITZ & Co., Canton, have this day been appointed SUB-AGENTS of the RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET at Canton. CAPTAIN D. A. LUKHMANOFF, Agent.
Hongkong, 14th May, 1912. [713]

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A Piece of LAND situated in the Yunnan Province, in the District of Mung Tse, opposite the East Gate, surrounded with Trees. Apply to—
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Office, Wing On Co.,
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Hongkong, 15th May, 1912. [714]

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Tel. 28, or P.O. Box 366.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1912. [715]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"FOOKSANG," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. on the 15th inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th May, 1912. [715]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "NIPPON MARU."

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU AND JAPAN PORTS.

THE above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on FRIDAY, the 17th inst., at 5 P.M. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from Company's Godown. No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected. No Claims will be recognized after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered on THURSDAY, the 23rd inst., afternoon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All chafed and otherwise damaged Cargo to be left on-board or Godown, and examination of same to be arranged. All Claims must be filed on or before THURSDAY, the 30th inst., otherwise they will not be recognized.
S. MORIMOTO, Agent.
Hongkong, 14th May, 1912. [712]

WANTED.

STENOGRAPHER and TYPIST (Male). Apply to—
Messrs. DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON.
Hongkong, 14th May, 1912. [707]

WANTED.

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Hongkong, 2nd May, 1912. [686]

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PUBLIC COMPANIES

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 18th day of May, 1912, at 10.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1912. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th instant to the 3rd instant, both days inclusive.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, 9th May, 1912. [694]

THE CATHAY TRUST, LIMITED.

THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 10, Canton Road, Shanghai, on MONDAY, the 20th May, 1912, at 4 o'clock P.M., when the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1912, will be submitted. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 20th day of May, 1912, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.
J. A. WATTIE & Co., Ltd., Secretaries & General Managers.
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THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Queen's Buildings, on SATURDAY, the 25th May, 1912, at 12.30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th April, 1912. The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 20th inst., to SATURDAY, the 25th inst., inclusive.
EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.
Hongkong, 13th May, 1912. [702]

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, at 12.30 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 28th May, 1912, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1911, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 24th May, both days inclusive.
THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LTD., W. G. DABBY, General Manager.
Hongkong, 9th May, 1912. [690]

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that Mr. S. MORIMOTO has been Appointed AGENT of the TOYO KISEN KAISHA at HONGKONG with effect from this date, on the transfer of Mr. K. MATSUDA to YOKOHAMA.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

King's Buildings, Hongkong, 9th May, 1912. [685]

NOTICE

WE HAVE This Day handed over the Agency for the Russian Volunteer Fleet of St. Petersburg to Captain D. A. LUKHMANOFF.

MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1912. [710]

NOTICE

I HAVE This Day taken over the Agency for the Russian Volunteer Fleet of St. Petersburg from Messrs. MELCHERS & Co. My Office has been opened at Hotel Mansions, Third Floor, Room No. 2, and 14, CAPTAIN D. A. LUKHMANOFF.
HONGKONG, 13th May, 1912. [711]

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & COMPANY.

BY Mutual Consent, Mr. ARTHUR E. DOWLER retires to-day from the above Firm and the Business thereof will be Continued by HARRY EDWARD ARNHOLD, ERNST GOETZ, MAX NICLASSEN, and CHARLES H. ARNHOLD, the Continuing Partners being entitled to all the assets of the firm and assuming its obligations.
Dated March 30th, 1912.

HARRY E. ARNHOLD, ERNST GOETZ, MAX NICLASSEN, CHARLES H. ARNHOLD, Continuing Partners, ARTHUR E. DOWLER, Retiring Partner.
[705]

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1912. [389]

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No. 7 Down Train will leave CANTON at 11.00 A.M. instead of at 11.45 A.M. as at present advertised, and No. 10 Up Train will leave SHAM CHUAN at 12.55 P.M. instead of 1 P.M. The Train advertised to leave Hongkong for Taipo, Fanling and Sham Chuan on Sundays at 10.15 A.M. will be discontinued until further notice.
From This Date also First and Second Class Return Tickets between Hongkong or Kowloon and Canton or vice versa will be available for the return journey for one week from date of issue instead of as at present for two days. Return Tickets to and from intermediate Stations, however, will remain as before available for two days after date of issue.
By Order,
H. P. WINSLOW, Manager, British Section, Canton-Kowloon Railway.

By Order, THE ADMINISTRATION, Chinese Section, Canton-Kowloon Railway.
Kowloon, 13th May, 1912. [701]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Members will be held on MONDAY, 20th MAY, 1912, at 4 o'clock P.M. in the CHAMBER ROOM, 5th FLOOR, 2nd BUILDING, to nominate a Member of the Chamber to fill the place of the Hon. Mr. E. A. HERRICK, C.M.G., during 9 months' leave of absence granted to him by H.E. THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.
Notice in writing of the names of Candidates and of their proposers and secondors to be lodged with the Secretary at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the General Meeting.
By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th May, 1912. [687]

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Hongkong, 13th May, 1912. [50]

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GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 11th May, 1912. [689]

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Hongkong, 10th July, 1911. [125]

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56, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 27th April, 1912. [624]

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LINSTEAD & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, 14th May, 1912. [722]

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2nd FLOOR, No. 2, PEDDER STREET OFFICES at present occupied by U.S. Consul-General. OFFICES at present occupied by U.S. Public Health and Marine Hospital Service. Can be divided to suit tenants. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 30th April, 1912. [632]

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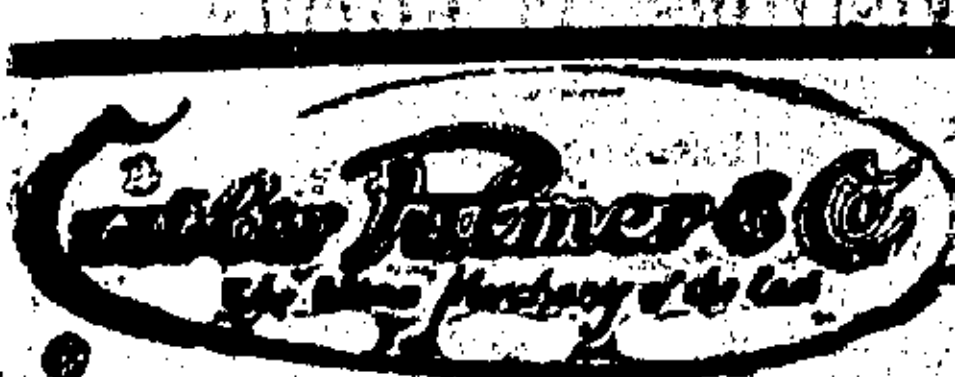
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TIBET**

THE SOURCES OF THE IRAWADDY.

The *Geographical Journal* for April
contains an account of a journey through
a portion of South Eastern Tibet and
the Mishmi Hills by Captain F. M. Bailey.
The portion of the country explored in
June, July and August last year, was east
of the Abor country and included Rima,
of which we have recently heard much.
Captain Bailey journeyed from Hankow
to Chengtu and thence to Tachienlu,
Hsiao, Litang and Batang, all over fairly
well known ground. From Batang,
with Mr. Edgar, of the China Inland
Mission, he went to Jianshi on the
Mekong and in that remote district he
found village schools where Tibetan child-
ren are being taught by Chinese school-
masters, attendance being compulsory.
From this it is clear that Chinese influence
must be increasing in the borderland;
and Captain Bailey also instances the at-
tempt being made to change Tibetan place
names to Chinese, and compelling the
people to take Chinese personal names.
At Yenching the travellers visited the salt
wells. The brine is collected in circular
pools about two feet deep and 3 or 4 yards
in diameter. From these it is taken in
hired bark buckets and poured into other
and shallower pools underneath drying
pans made of earth spread on wooden
platforms, which in the distance look like
the flat roofs of a large village. Here it
is left till, some of the water having
evaporated, it becomes stronger. This
brine is then poured into the drying pans.
The sun beating upon these evaporates all
the water, leaving a thin layer of white
salt, which is then swept up with a broom;
but a good deal of red earth from the pans
is mixed with it, and this gives the salt
a dirty reddish appearance. It was here
that Major (now Colonel) H. R. Davis
and his companions were turned back in
1900.

From the Mekong the travellers set out
for Menkong on the Salween, crossing the
watershed between the two rivers at the
Beda La, a height of 15,200 feet, shortly
after meeting the Dray Chu which flows
into the Salween after "performing some
wonderful geographical gymnastics." Here
we are in country which A. K. ex-
plored with his usual wonderful accuracy.
The Salween, in these regions, like the
Mekong at Yenching, is a swift, muddy
river. Here Mr. Edgar returned and
Captain Bailey went on alone going up a
tributary which joins the Salween at
Menkong. After crossing the No. La
(14,125 feet) he found that the streams
flowed to a river in a valley lying north-
east and south-west and though the
weather forbade accurate observations,
he thinks it most probable the river flows
south-west to join the Irawaddy. On July
17 he crossed the Tsau La (15,678 feet)
and some miles later met a river twenty
yards wide, "an upper branch of the
Irawaddy." "I asked whether the water
did not flow into the Salween and was
told that it did not, but that it went to a
country called Lhoka or Tsong." Here the
valley of the Irawaddy is about 11,500
feet above sea level. He marched two days
up the Irawaddy and found there a large
circular lake. Above this the main branch
of the river was only about a yard wide
and took its rise in the snow covered hills
and the north of the pass (Tsang La).
The water west of the Tsang La joins with
a stream which flows the south and must
be the headwaters of the Tarawan, which
passing through Kanli Long joins the
Irawaddy.

From the Irawaddy he marched over
ground explored by A. K. in 1902, to
Drowa Gumpa and Shiden Gumpa, and
then retracing his steps, reached Rima
on July 5. Of this place he writes: "I
was much disappointed to find that boots
were unknown here, as I had hoped to be
able to replace mine, which were quite
worn out. I took two observations for
altitude with the hypometer, and found
it to be 4,839; A. K. made it 4,650 feet.
Snow falls here in winter; the tem-
perature in the shade was 61 degrees at
4 p.m., and in a very open room by a
window the minimum was 71 degrees at
night. The inhabitants of Rima are
different from those of the other parts of
south-eastern Tibet through which I had
just passed. They eat their hair short
and do not wear a queue; elsewhere in
south-eastern Tibet the people never
smoke, though they take quantities of
snuff, but at Rima tobacco is both grown
and smoked. The inhabitants of Rima are
very much cut off from the rest of Tibet;
they never make the usual pilgrimage to
Lhasa or other holy places, and, although
professedly Buddhist, are very lax in
their religion; when I was in pursuit of
takins I saw a man sacrificing a fowl in
order to bring him back. The form of
marriage among them is that by capture;
the bridegroom goes with his friends to
the house of the bride, where the men of
both parties quarrel and fight for a time;
the quarrel is then made up, all feast to-
gether, and the couple are considered to
be man and wife. I had noticed that the
people of Sanga Chu Dong and at several
other places were cows made of the skins
said to come from the neighbourhood of
Rima. I made inquiries about this, and
was told that these animals were plentiful
in the hills down-stream from Rima."

After leaving Rima he came on a herd
of about three hundred takins (Budorcas
taxicolor) and shot several, marching then
to Tinnu, where he heard of the murder
of Mr. Williamson's party. From this
onwards his progress lay down the Lokit,
through the Mishmi country and from
thence to Sadiya.

Captain Bailey brought back a small
collection of sixty bird skins, with the
eggs of several species and the skins of
a few mammals, besides about two thou-
sand specimens of butterflies and two
hundred moths. Amongst rare birds he
secured the acmity-babbler and chif-
chaff, Szechenyi's pheasant grouse and
other curiosities, while a mole-rat and a
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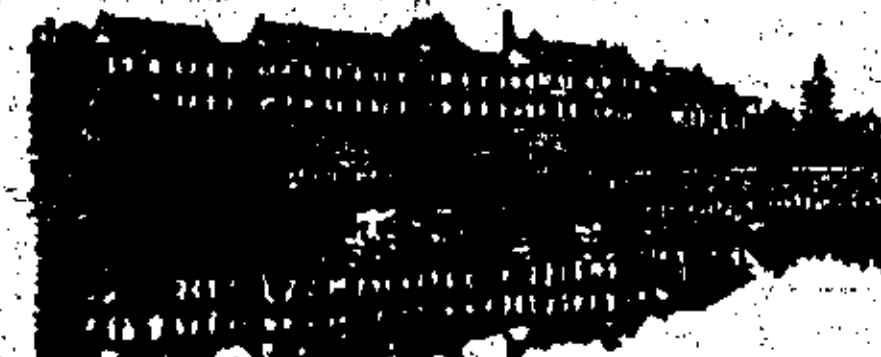
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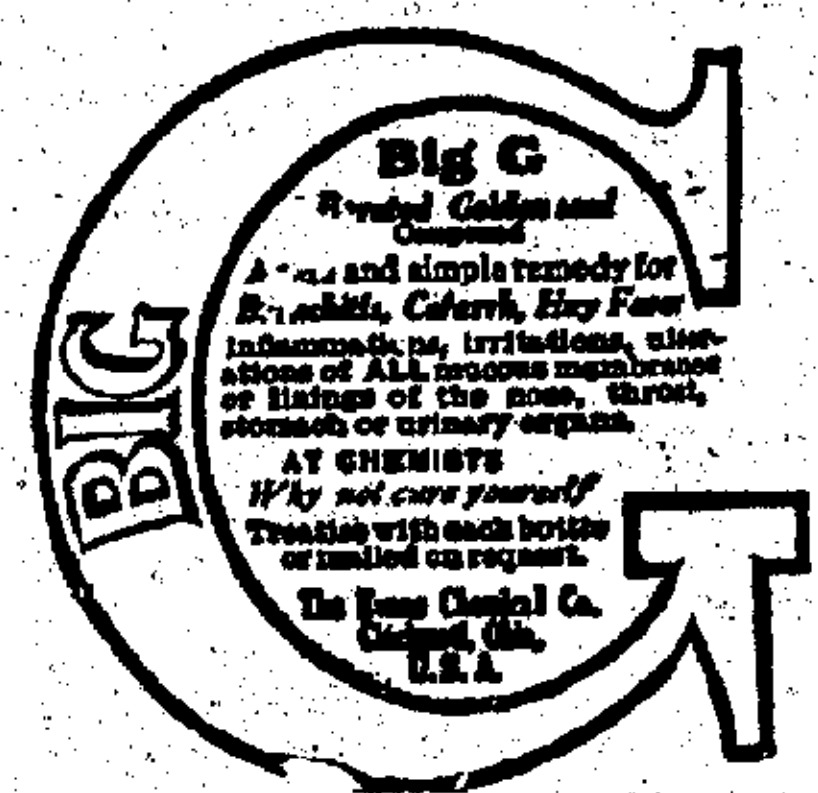
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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"GOEBEN," Capt. A. Ahlborn	17,300	About Thursday, 16th May.
MANILA, YAP, MARONNI, SAMARAI, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"COBLENZ," Capt. L. Klugeknecht	6,750	5 P.M. 18th May.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"PRINZ SIGISMUND," Capt. D. Lenz	6,000	About Tuesday, 28th May.
KUDAT and SANDAKAN	"BORNEO," Capt. F. Semmell	5,000	Middle of May.

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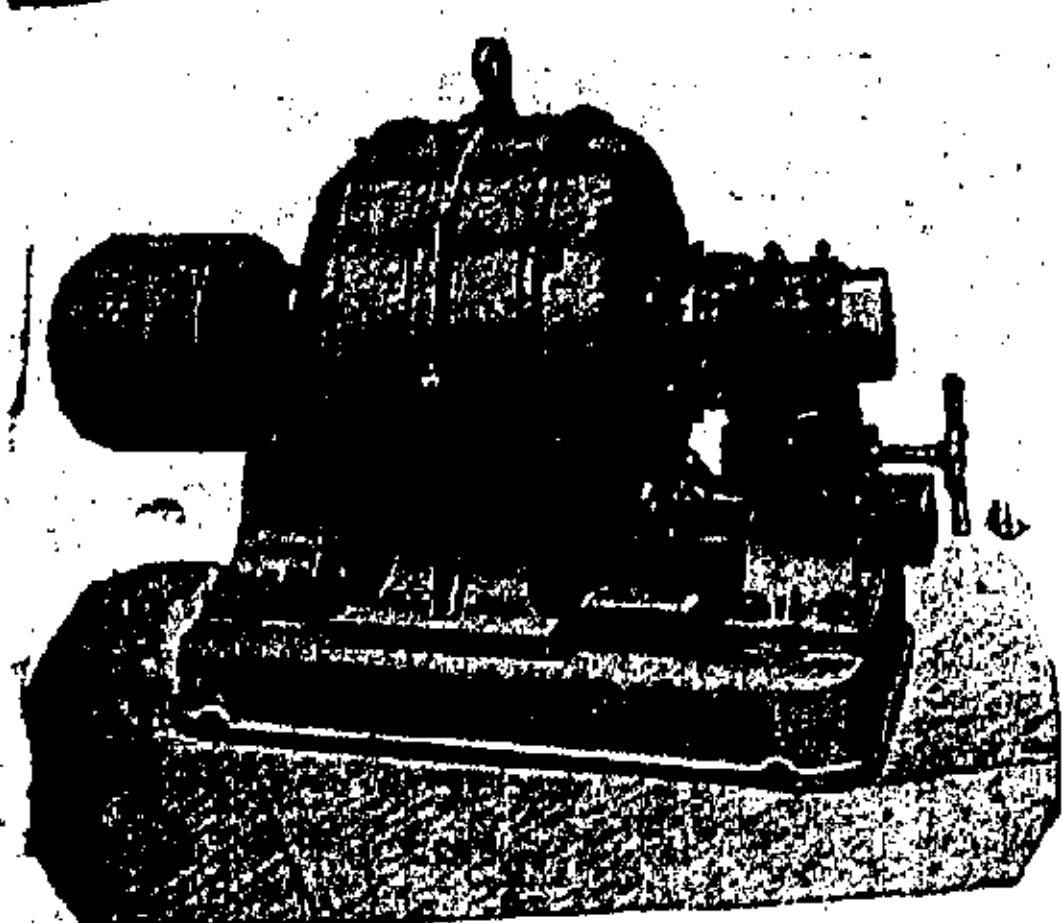
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The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present
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The Goeben, with the German Mail, left Singapore on Saturday, the 11th inst., at 10 a.m.,
and may be expected here to-day, at 4 p.m.

The Yangtze, with the Siberian Mail, is due to arrive here to-morrow.

FOR	PER	DATE
Straits and Ceylon	Palawan	Wednesday, 15th, 9.00 A.M.
Hainan and Pakhoi	Hongkong	Wednesday, 15th, 9.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand	Taiyuan	Wednesday, 15th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow	Hainan	Wednesday, 15th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow	Sezia	Wednesday, 15th, 10.00 A.M.
STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, SOYPT and EUROPE via NAPLES	Prinz Ludwig	Thursday, 16th, 8.00 A.M.
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Macao	Sui Tai	Wednesday, 15th, 11.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA and JAPAN via NAGASAKI (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)	Goeben	Wednesday, 15th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow	Triumph	Thursday, 16th, 8.00 A.M.
Hainan and Pakhoi	Hainan	Thursday, 16th, 8.00 A.M.
Swatow Amoy and Formosa	Soshu Maru	Thursday, 16th, 9.00 A.M.
Batavia, Samarang and Sourabaya	Tyranosok	Thursday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
JAPAN, via NAGASAKI, VICTORIA, B.C. and UNITED STATES via TACOMA	Seattle Maru	Thursday, 16th, Noon.
Macao	Sui Tai	Thursday, 16th, 1.15 P.M.
SHANGHAI and North China	Chenon	Thursday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Formosa and Foochow	Haiyang	Friday, 17th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Moji	Nova	Friday, 17th, 1.15 P.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Friday, 17th, 3.00 P.M.
Wellbair, Chafco and Tientsin	Kutsang	Saturday, 18th, 11.00 A.M.
Straits, and India via Calcutta	Yuenang	Saturday, 18th, 1.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands	Sui Tai	Saturday, 18th, 1.15 P.M.
Macao		
Philippine Islands, Yap, Maona, Friderich, Wilhelmshafen, Babel, Herberstahof, Matupi, Samar, Australia New Zealand and Tasmania via Brisbane	Coblenz	Saturday, 18th, 4.00 P.M.
Swatow	Kwongshung	Saturday, 18th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe	Linan	Saturday, 18th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	Hainan	Sunday, 19th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow	Itola	Monday, 20th, 11.00 A.M.
Japan via Yokohama	Kutsang	Monday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
Chafco and Newchwang	Rubi	Monday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands	Hatching	Tuesday, 21st, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Formosa and Foochow		

KEELUNG, SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN, HONOLULU, UNITED STATES, CANADA and SOUTH AMERICA via SAN FRANCISCO (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)

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COMMERCIAL

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

May 14th.

ON LONDON—	
Telegraphic Transfer	2-1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	2-1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	2-1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	2-1/2
Credite, at 4 months sight	2-1/2
Documentary Bills 4 months sight	2-1/2
ON PARI—	
Bank Bills, on demand	253
Credite, at 4 months sight	257 1/2
ON GERMANY—	
On demand	205 1/2
ON NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, on demand	493
Credite, at 60 days sight	493
ON BOMBAY—	
Telegraphic Transfer	149 1/2
Bank, on demand	149 1/2
ON CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer	149 1/2
Bank, on demand	149 1/2
ON SHANGHAI—	
Bank, at sight	72 1/2
Private, 30 days sight	73 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA—	
On demand	88 1/2
ON MANILA—	
On demand—Pesos	82 1/2
ON SINGAPORE—	
On demand	120 1/2
ON BARATIA—	
On demand	13 1/2
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On demand	1 1/2
ON BANGKOK—	
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Hongkong	20	18.16
Hongkong	10	18.47

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SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MAY 14th, 1912.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALU. PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTA T'WENTY CASH.
BANKS.—			
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all \$335, sellers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all \$10 1/2, sales
China Light and Power Company, Limited.	50,000	\$5	all \$1.90, sales
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all \$83, sellers
COTTON MILLS.—			
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co. Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all Tls. 91
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all \$5
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	7 1/2	all \$22, sales
DOCKS AND WHARVES.—			
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all \$56, buyers
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co. Co. Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all \$47, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$6 1/2	all \$33, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all Tls. 54
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	all Tls. 85
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	all \$22 1/2, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	12,000	\$10	all \$110 1/2, sales
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited...	8,000	\$50	\$25 \$68, buyers
Manila Metropolitan Hotel Limited	15,000	Pa. 10	all P84
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	50,000	\$25	all \$203
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all \$18 1/2, buyers
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	\$7 \$4, buyers
INSURANCE.—			
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50 \$220
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20 \$132
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited...	24,000	\$83.33	\$25 \$101
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50 \$350, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5 Tls. 140
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100 \$815
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	scv \$195, Ex 73
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—			
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co. Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all \$104 1/2, buyers
Humphreys Estate and Finance Co. Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all \$3
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$30 \$34, sales
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	all Tls. 88
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all \$53
Maatschappij tot Mijn. Beoeh-en	25,000	Gds. 10	all Tls. 68, sellers
Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat			
MINING.—			
Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	\$1	all 36 1/2, buyers
Tronoh Mines, Limited	160,000	\$1	all 77 1/2, buyers
Heawood Tin and Rubber Estate, Ltd.	715,228	2 1/2	all 5 1/2
Ramb Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	all \$121
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all \$120
Philippine Co., Limited	75,000	\$10	all \$5, buyers
REFINERIES.—			
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all \$108, buyers
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all \$34
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—			
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all \$104
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all \$253, buyers (all)
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all \$203, buy. \$27
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref. 60,000 ord.	\$5	all \$65 (\$7, 2a. 6d.)
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited.	2,500,000	\$1	all 120 1/2, sel. 119 1/2
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	all \$32, buy (buy, \$20, buyers)
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	all \$22
Steam Laundry Company, Limited...	20,000	\$5	all \$54
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.—			
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all \$25
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	all \$64
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	all \$3, sales
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	all \$5, sales
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	all \$15, buyers
Gande Price & Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$10	all \$12, buyers
Societe des Pulpes et Papeteries du Tonkin	13,200	\$20	all \$33
Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all \$10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited,	9,900 ordy.	\$10	all \$10
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 iders	\$10	all \$30.
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Malwa Older	\$3,325/3,340
Malwa V. Old	\$3,350/3,360
Perian fine quality	\$1,600
Perian extra fine	\$2,800
Patna New	\$3,675
Patna Old	\$3,550
Benares New	\$3,575
Benares Old	\$3,500

TO-DAY

Noon—Extraordinary General Meeting of The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.
4 P.M.—Second Annual General Meeting of Java Consolidated Rubber and Coffee Estates, Ltd., at No. 10, Canton Road, Shanghai.

TO-NIGHT

9 P.M.—The Great Raymond at the New Royal.

TO-MORROW

2.30 P.M.—Auction of Valuable Household Furniture at Sales Rooms, by Mr. Geo. P. Lamont.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, 18th May—Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel, Noon.
Saturday, 18th May—A Grand Variety Entertainment at Palace Hotel, Mount Austin, 9 P.M.
Monday, 20th May—Second Annual General Meeting of The Cathay Trust, Ltd., Shanghai, 4 P.M.
Monday, 20th May—Special Meeting of Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, in the Chamber Room, 4 P.M.
Tuesday, 21st May—Fourteenth Ordinary Annual Meeting of The "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 12.30 P.M.
Tuesday, 28th May—Ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of The China-Borneo Co., Ltd., 12.30 P.M.



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